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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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May 10, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

SUBJECT:

Letter to Ambassador Bunker  
(S/S 7408851)

Herewith the signed original of the President's letter for delivery  
to Ambassador Bunker on his return from the Middle East.

  
Jeanne W. Davis  
Staff Secretary

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1974

Dear Ellsworth:

Mrs. Nixon joins me in extending best wishes to you on the occasion of your eightieth birthday.

You have served your country with honor and distinction during the terms of five different Presidents. During this time you have taken on the most difficult of your country's foreign policy problems, including West Irian, the Dominican Republic, Vietnam, the Panama Canal negotiations, and the Middle East. In all of these difficult undertakings your skill, energy and dedication have been an inspiration of the highest order to your fellow Americans.

Again, my best wishes for the years ahead and many happy returns of the day.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Ellsworth Bunker  
American Ambassador-at-Large  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C. 20520

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SUBJECT: BIRTHDAY GREETING TO AMBASSADOR BUNKER

FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER FROM THE PRESIDENT

QUOTE:

DEAR ELLSWORTH:

MRS. NIXON JOINS ME IN EXTENDING BEST WISHES TO YOU ON THE  
OCCASION OF YOUR EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY.

YOU HAVE SERVED YOUR COUNTRY WITH HONOR AND DISTINCTION  
DURING THE TERMS OF FIVE DIFFERENT PRESIDENTS. DURING THIS  
TIME YOU HAVE TAKEN ON THE MOST DIFFICULT OF YOUR COUNTRY'S  
FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEMS, INCLUDING WEST IRAN, THE  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, VIETNAM, THE PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS,  
AND THE MIDDLE EAST. IN ALL OF THESE DIFFICULT UNDER-  
TAKINGS YOUR SKILL, ENERGY AND DEDICATION HAVE BEEN AN  
INSPIRATION OF THE HIGHEST ORDER TO YOUR FELLOW AMERICANS.

AGAIN, MY BEST WISHES FOR THE YEARS AHEAD AND MANY HAPPY  
RETURNS OF THE DAY.

SINCERELY,

RICHARD NIXON  
END QUOTE. RUSH  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 9, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR RON ZIEGLER

FROM: ANDREW FALKIEWICZ *AF*

SUBJECT: Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker

On May 11, Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker will celebrate his eightieth birthday. As you know, Bunker is Ambassador-at-Large at the Department of State and is currently serving as the Chief United States Negotiator for the Panama Canal Treaty Negotiations. He has been Ambassador to Argentina, Italy, India, Nepal and Viet Nam, as well as U.S. Representative to the Council of the Organization of American States. He has also served as President of the American Red Cross.

ACTION: Recommend that the President consider giving appropriate recognition to Ambassador Bunker on his 80th birthday. The President would be honoring the dean of American diplomacy, a man who has won world-wide esteem and admiration for his work in the cause of peace and international understanding, and who has served his country with devotion and high distinction. It would be a particularly significant occasion for this President, symbolic of the continuity of the United States' stature in world affairs.